GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Departmental Proceedings against Smt. M. Nagalatha, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Amalapuram now at Narasapuram of West Godavari District under the provisions of Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.655 **Dated:09.12.2021**

Read:

G.o.Rt.No.654, PR&RD (VIG.III) Department, dt:09.12.2021

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Smt. M. Nagalatha, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Amalapuram now at Narasapuram of West Godavari District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules 1991.

2. The substance of the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Article of Charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or mis-behavour in support of each article of chare is enclosed (Annexure – II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the Article of Charge are proposed to be sustained are enclosed (Annexure-III & IV).

3. Smt. M. Nagalatha, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Amalapuram now at Narasapuram of West Godavari District is directed to submit her written statement of defence within (10) days from the date of receipt of this Order.

4. Smt. M. Nagalatha, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Amalapuram now at Narasapuram of West Godavari District is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of Charges as are not admitted. She should therefore, specifically, admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Smt. M. Nagalatha, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Amalapuram now at Narasapuram of West Godavari District is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defense on or before the date specified in Para-3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Service (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the order/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiry Authority may hold the inquiry against her exparte, based on the material available on record.

6. Smt. M. Nagalatha, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Amalapuram now at Narasapuram of West Godavari District is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government Servant shall being or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interests in respect of

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matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from any person in respect of any matter dealt within these Proceedings, it will be presumed that Smt. M. Nagalatha, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Amalapuram now at Narasapuram of West Godavari District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964.

7. The receipt of the proceedings shall be acknowledged along with Annexure-I, II, III & IV.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Smt. M. Nagalatha, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Amalapuram now at Narasapuram of West Godavari District through the Commissioner, PR&RD, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
The Commissioner, PR&RD, Tadepalli, Guntur District (With a request to serve the order on the charged Officer and furnish acknowledgment with dated signature for record).
Sf/Sc.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTON OFFICER

(PTO for Annexures)

ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. M. NAGALATHA, THE THEN DIVISIONAL PANCHAYAT OFFICER, AMALAPURAM NOW AT NARASAPURAM OF WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT

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Article-I :

That the said Smt. M. Nagalatha, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Amalapuram now at Narasapuram of West Godavari District has allowed unauthorised layouts and issued building permissions without the approval of the District Collector, due to her slack supervision over Panchayats.

Thereby, responsible for the loss of Revenue to the Government Department, which is a serious lapse on her part.

Thus, Smt. M. Nagalatha, the then Divisional Panchayat Officer, Amalapuram now at Narasapuram of West Godavari District by her above mentioned acts, has exhibited misconduct, lack of absolute integrity, discipline and sense of propriety and also conduct unbecoming of post held by her and thereby contravened the Rule 3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules – 1964.

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ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. M. NAGALATHA, THE THEN DIVISIONAL PANCHAYAT OFFICER, AMALAPURAM NOW AT NARASAPURAM OF WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT.

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The V&E officials along with officials of Panchayat Raj & Rural Development visited the lands in Sy.Nos. 312/3, 313/1, 312/4, 313/4, 313/10, 95/08, 94/07, 234/7, 39/5, 95/5, 95/6, 318/1, 2, 73/1, 94/3, 4, 5, 42/2, 251, 253/01, 238/03, 251, 263/2, 104/2, 68/3, 4, 5, 65/5, 65/2, 65/6, 65/4, 65/7, 65/8, 97/2, 97/3, 98/6, 7, 8, 109/5, 61/4, 99/1, 13/2, 42/2, 99/4, 98/1, 98/2, 306/6, 306/5, 304/5, 305/1, 2, 306/10, 370/2, 94/5, 94/2, 239/2, 3, 4, 238/04, 94/1, 2, 253/03, 306/07, 255/06, 256/05, 256/01, 43/02, 96/02, 96/03, 88/01, 238/05, 251, 252/5, 9, 10, 85/2, 85/01, 15/6, 70/1, 2, 72/1, 88/4, 281/10, 311/7, 87/3A, 87/5A, 89/1B, 95/6A, 251,261/3A, 311/4, 263/01 of Ravulapalem Panchayat.

It is noticed that an agricultural land to an extent of Ac. 93.93 Cts was converted into non agricultural purpose and developed as plots (irregular layout) without obtaining required permissions from the competent authorities. Hence, there occurred a loss of Rs.21,15,58,703/- to Panchayat Raj Department in the form of various kinds of fees to be paid by the realtors/site owners as detailed below:

i)	Detection in Ravulapalem GP	Rs. 16,33,20,734/-
ii)	Detection in Ravulapadu GP	Rs.4,82,37,969/-
	Total Detection	**Rs. 21,15,58,703/-**

In Vigilance Report No.03 (C.No:5719/V&E/D1/2018,dt:08.01.2019, the V&E has reported that Smt. M Nagalatha, while working as Divisional Panchayat Officer, Amalapuram now at Narasapuram of West Godavari District from 12.09.2011 to 14.02.2014 is supposed to inspect all villages in her jurisdiction once in every year and find out irregularities and submits to District panchayat Officer. She has to exercise her supervisory powers, control and guide the PSs invariably. Thus, it is clearly established slack supervision over Panchayat Secretaries due to which unauthorized layouts were developed and building permission were also given by Panchayat Secretaries in unauthorized layouts.

Hence the Charge.

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ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. M. NAGALATHA, THE THEN DIVISIONAL PANCHAYAT OFFICER, AMALAPURAM NOW AT NARASAPURAM OF WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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G.A.(V&E) Dept, Report No.03 (C.No:5719/V&E/D1/2018,dt:08.01.2019.

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ANNEXURE – IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. M. NAGALATHA, THE THEN DIVISIONAL PANCHAYAT OFFICER, AMALAPURAM NOW AT NARASAPURAM OF WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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